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OCTOBER MEETING

SPEAKER

This month's speaker is someone that will interest all members of the club. He is Ivan Oakeson, a veteran relic hunter and bottle digger. Ivan outtings have netted several rare bottles such as a Walker Brothers Kentucky Bourbon and a Dr. Henkeys Wild Grape Root Bitters. Ivan has also dug such coins as a 1906 \$20.00 gold piece and several Seated Liberty and Barber coins. Many pieces of china and doll parts are also part of Ivan's collection. His finds have come mainly from the Wasatch Front area and surrounding ghost towns.

Ivan will be speaking to us about some of these finds. He will also demonstrate the use of probes in finding old outhouses. We are expecting a full house for this meeting, so arrive early for good seats. Ivan will share his hints and experiences in relic and bottle digging with us, and some tips that we can all use out in the field.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Glen and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to be the club editor for the past year. We have had a great time doing the TOKEN HUNTER. It has been a real experience! The best part of which has been getting to know so many of the club members and becoming involved with things like the coin and token show.

We want to thank those of you who took the time to submit articles and items of interest for the TOKEN HUNTER. These things often saved us from the dreaded

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N.U.T.S. meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held at the Redwood Multi-purpose center, 3100 South Redwood Road.

Any news, views, or info that you would like to share? Call and let someone else know. We appreciate your comments.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By George Wilson

As I am writting this I am morning the passing of yet another summer. The morning and evening hours have a noticable chill, and patches of colors are appearing on the hillsides.

One of the things that fall brings with it is election of officers for the club. I want to thank thoes of you that have asked me to serve once again as President, but increased responsibilities to work and family make another year as president impossible. I will however be serving as a Board Member and coin show chairman in 1987, relieving Bob Campbell of these responsibilities.

As with every elwction, all offices are open for 1987 and each person who is a member of the society should take the opportunity to make a contribution as a officer.

The big A.T.C.O. convention and show will be held at Howard Johnson's on October 10, 11, and 12, and has all the ear marks of being a great success. I want to thank in advance all club members who have taken the time to help us out with this show. The professionalism with which this show is put together will reflect well on our organization, and collectors in the intermountain area.

I want to take a minute to note the recent increase in membership. Over the past few months we have experienced an exceptional growth in membership. Many new people have joined us, and several past members have returned. I think there are two factors that have contributed to this increase. The first being the members themselves. Many of you have taken the time to introduce others to our hobby and out organization.

I also feel that our coin and token show generated alot of local and national publicity for us. We have firmly established

N.U.T.S. as the second largest numismatic organization in the state, and our continued growth shows no sign of slowing up.

The National Utah Token Society is alive and well. With each new member, or each new person we introduce to our hobby, our group becomes stronger.

Last but not least, I want to wish our good friend and long time member, John Attebuty good luck and good Bye. John's job has made it necessary for him to relocate to Twin Falls, Idaho. I hope that he will stay in touch and let us know how the hunting is up North.

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'blank page'. It becomes difficult to develop articles each month without the input of others. I was fearful that

the TOKEN HUNTER would become a reflection of Glen and I instead of the National utah Token Society, which it represents.

Apologies are also in order for all the errors and missed deadlines that the TOKEN HUNTER has had over the last year. I know that this caused some problems, and we are sorry. Often the TOKEN HUNTER was put together in the wee small hours of the morning when we were not at our best.

December will be the last issun of the TOKEN HUNTER that we will edit. I want to encourage members to become involved in keeping the TOKEN HUNTER going. it would be sadly missed by everyone if it ceased to exist. If you are interested in the position of editor let us know.

Thanks,

Glen and Robin

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1. Exhibits must be entered in one of the following categories;
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Here is the main verse to the treasure hunt sponsored by All About Coins, (Bob & Carol Campbell) and the National Utah Token Society.

The first set of clues will be given at the October 23 meeting and only those attending will receive them. The clues will be published in the following month's TOKEN HUNTER, but all people who attend the meetings will have a month's head start. We hope that this tactic will boost attendance at the meetings.

You do not have to be a N.U.T.S. member to win, so bring your friends along to the meetings. The treasure is a box of tokens and coins with at least one gold coin. The total worth is over \$100.00. Because of the high value of the treasure, it will not actually be hidden. The treasure will remain in Bob's shop, and the first person to find the correct token can redeem it for the treasure cash at All About Coins.

Put on your thinking caps, come to the meetings to receive the clues, and get started on this treasure hunt. Hang onto this copy of the verse, as it will not be reprinted

A TREASURE IS HERE TO BE FOUND
BUT YOU HAVE TO HAVE A NOSE LIKE A BLOOD HOUND.

GRAB A PEN TO FILL IN THE BLANKS
GO TO THE GAS STATION AND FILL UP THE TANK.

YOU'LL NEED TO LOOK FOR A #1 utility #2 Pole
AND AN OLD #3 Warehouse WITH SOME SOLE.

#4 Six #5 Feet UP, YOU NEED TO LOOK
ON THE #6 North West CORNER, LIKE A SNOOK.

THE LOT BELONGS TO A #7 South STORE, AND OTHERS
AT THIS ADDRESS, #8 _____ #9 East #10 _____ #11 _____ BROTHER.

A TOKEN WITH THE WORD "TREASURE" YOU MUST FIND
BEFORE THE TIME IS OLD.

BRING IT TO ALL ABOUT COINS
FOR THE LOOT AND THE GOLD.

ONCE UPON A TOWN.

By Bruce Robinson

This is a two part article. The first part deals with the little known Ghost Town of Utah Mine; the second part deals with what was involved in researching the town.

All avenues have not been searched!! I was able to find out enough info to verify my find. However not enough information was uncovered to develop new leads, or possibly locate additional Utah Mine tokens. This article is the result of my search. I did not research to write the article.

UTAH MINE

Nestled in the mountains south of Scofiels, is the little known coal mining town of Utah Mine. Information concerning Utah Mine is very skimpy, in fact, it is not mentioned in either Stephen Carr's 'Historical Guide to Utah Ghost Towns', or George Thompson's 'Some Dreams Die'.

Although known officially as Utah Mine, due to its proximity to Mud Creek, most residents simply referred to the town as Mud Creek.

Utah Mine was both short lived and sparsely populated. It supported a Post Office for 10 years, 1910-1920, and while most gazetteers list the population as 125, I think this figure is quite optimistic. An average of only 20 men worked the mines between 1914 and 1927.

A typical company town, it was owned by the Utah Fuel Company, the same company which owned the mines in Scofield, Winter Quarters, and Clear Creek. Also like these towns, Utah Mine supported the "company store", this one named the Wasatch Store.

The Wasatch Store was managed by Fredrick Hirst. Born in Coalville, his father was a coal miner, and later a mercantile owner. It was only natural the Fredrick would follow in his father's footsteps.

The cost of coal mining became more and more expensive as the men burrowed deeper and deeper to extract the veins of coal. With the closing of the mines surrounding Utah Mine its fate was sealed. The small town slipped

back into obscurity much the same way as it had come into being, quietly.

If you are thinking of making a trip down to this area, be advised, the area is private property and inaccessible.

RESEARCHING UTAH MINE

When I first saw this token, I felt it was from Utah even though I had never heard of a town called Utah Mine. A quick look on page 79 of Campbell's "Tokens of Utah" showed that it did in fact exist. I next checked with both Carr's and Thompson's books, including the list at the back of Thompson's on changed names, but I found nothing. After placing a call to Harry Campbell, who could not shed any further light on this elusive town, but suggested that I contact Francis Cunningham in Helper.

With the call to Mrs. Cunningham, I got my first break. She confirmed that Utah Mine was a small hamlet in Carbon County near Scofield. She did not know anything more than that it did exist and where it was located. This was enough information to get me really enthused with the search.

The following week I made a trip to the Salt Lake City Library to check the Gazetteers. Between the years of 1912 and 1923 there was a listing for Utah Mine, but they said it was located in the eastern section of Carbon County, not the western section where it was actually located. It did give the name of the manager of the Wasatch Store in Utah Mine.

A quick trip to the genealogical library turned up an obituary for Fredrick Hirst, who died in 1954. It also listed his children but the ones that I contacted were not able to shed any additional light on the puzzle.

Three more pieces of information came to me. First Dave Freed checked his Post Office listing and confirmed that Utah Mine did support a post office. Next Harold Franke examined a geographic map of the Scofield area dated 1919 and located the town (all 12 houses) labeled as Utah Mine.

In a book called "20,000 Coal Company Stores" by Gordon Dodrill gave the years the mine operated, the company which owned the mines, and the average number of employees.

I've made two trips to the area. The first resulted in a wrong turn and the location of an old homestead site, but not the town.

The second trip was taken as a side trip to our Winter to our Winter Quarters outing. George Wilson accompanied me and helped me determine that the ground was inaccessible.

I hope that this article will give you new researchers some insight and ideas of what can be involved in a research plan!

FAKE TOKENS

By Bob Campbell

There are some new fake tokens that have turned up recently so beware and know the dealer whom you buy from. take a look at the rubbings and watch out.



A SPECIAL NOTE

At the upcoming token show, we will be featuring two special slide shows. The first is an introduction to U.S. medals and tokens. Another will be on soda water tokens from around the country. Both slide shows will be shown at the A.T.C.O. convention at Howard Johnson's, they are free, and everyone is invited.

This is a list of some of the dealers that will be coming to the A.T.C.O. token show.

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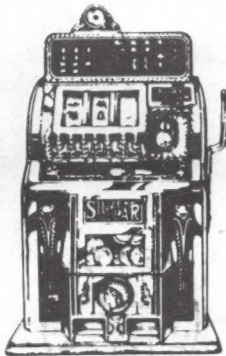
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